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1. COUNCIL HAS APPROVED DATES FOR ROMANIAN SHOWINGS OF "REFLECTIONS" AS PROPOSED REFTEL. EXHIBITS' DIRECTOR ILEASA EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT COUNCIL WOULD NOT LIKE TO SHOW "REFLECTIONS" AND "200 YEARS OF AMERICAN ART" (IF WE GET IT) AT SAME TIME, AND EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT LATTER COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE SOMETIME IN SPRING OR SUMMER.

2. AS FOR "REFLECTIONS" EXHIBIT SITES, ILEASA SAID FINAL DECISION COULD NOT BE MADE UNTIL COUNCIL INSPECTS PHOTOGRAPHS OF EXHIBIT. HE ALSO REITERATED - AS WE EXPECTED - THAT COUNCIL'S ACCEPTANCE OF EXHIBIT IS TENTATIVE AND CANNOT BE FINAL UNTIL CONTENT OF ALL PHOTOS IN EXHIBIT HAS BEEN DEEMED APPROPRIATE. WE INFORMED HIM THAT EXHIBIT IS ARTISTIC IN NATURE AND THAT WE FORESEE NO EDITORIAL PROBLEMS; HE SAID HE ALSO EXPECTED NO DIFFICULTIES AND THAT INSPECTION OF PHOTOGRAPHS WILL MERELY BE A "FORMALITY." COMMENT: WE BELIEVE COUNCIL'S REVIEW OF EXHIBIT CONTENTS BEFOREHAND ACTUALLY IS A FORMALITY. THEY ARE CONCERNED ONLY THAT WE NOT EXHIBIT ANYTHING "PORNOGRAPHIC," A TERM WHOSE MEANING IS NOT CLEAR. THOUGH WE ASSURED THEM THAT THERE IS NO PORNOGRAPHY IN THE EXHIBIT, ILEASA INSISTED THAT HE WILL HAVE TO SEE FOR HIMSELF. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT AGENCY COMPLY WITH COUNCIL'S REQUEST FOR COPIES
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OF EXHIBIT PHOTOGRAPHS. END COMMENT.

3. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, WE WONDER IF ICS/E CAN PREPARE SET OF PHOTOGRAPHS IN TIME TO BE HANDCARRIED TO VIENNA PAO CONFERENCE BY SOMEONE IN IEU. PAO FERNANDEZ COULD THEN BRING THEM BACK TO BUCHAREST FOR COUNCIL'S INSPECTION. IN THIS WAY COUNCIL'S FINAL DECISION AND SELECTION OF SITES CAN BE SPEEDED UP. PLS ADVISE.

4. USIS PROJECT OFFICER FOR EXHIBIT WILL BE IO ASHLEY WILLIS THROUGH DECEMBER 1976 , AND ACAO JOEL LEVY FROM THEN ON.

5. COUNCIL AWARE OF PROBLEMS PRESENTED BY UNUSUAL SIZE, CONFIGURATION AND TECHNICAL CRITERIA OF "REFLECTIONS."
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